



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Los Angeles, California 90012

Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Director of Health Services

At its meeting held March 1, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following revised recommendation was called up for consideration:

The Director of Health Services' recommendation to authorize the Director to execute a three-month, month-to-month HIV/AIDS services renewal agreement with AIDS Healthcare Foundation for skilled nursing and residential hospice services at the existing rate, for a maximum obligation of \$435,431, with pre-admission medical and financial screening, pending release of a new Request for Proposals.

Dr. John F. Schunhoff, Chief of Operations, Public Health, Department of Health Services, and J. Tyler McCauley, Auditor-Controller, responded to questions posed by the Board.

Sheryl Lee Ralph, Cynthia Davis, Mary Ashley, Anthony Lockhart, Adrienne Roberts, Robert Johnson, and Steve Schulte, representing AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Kevin L. Pickett, Judith C. Hawkins, and other interested persons addressed the Board.

Supervisor Burke requested the Auditor-Controller to complete an audit of billing by AIDS Healthcare Foundation under its contracts for HIV/AIDS residential hospice and skilled nursing facility services and report back to the Board within 30 days, including a determination with respect to any responsibility and/or liability Los Angeles County would have for alleged overpayments made during previous fiscal years.

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After discussion, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, that the County Counsel and Auditor-Controller be instructed to investigate allegations that a County employee with the Department of Health Services is taking a leave of absence to help with a political campaign and soliciting contributions from County contractors and report back to the Board in 30 days with findings.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a substitute motion, seconded by Supervisor Molina, that Supervisor Antonovich's motion be deferred for two weeks to allow the Director of Health Services to complete his investigation of the aforementioned allegations, at which time the Board would make a determination about further investigation of the matter; and instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to place this matter on the March 8, 2005 Board agenda for further discussion.

After further discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Director of Health Services' attached recommendations; and
2. Instructed the Auditor-Controller to complete an audit of billing by AIDS Healthcare Foundation under its contracts for HIV/AIDS residential hospice and skilled nursing facility services and report back to the Board within 30 days, including a determination with respect to any responsibility and/or liability Los Angeles County would have for alleged overpayments made during previous fiscal years.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to place on the March 8, 2005 Board agenda a report by the Director of Health Services regarding allegations that a departmental employee was engaging in political activities.

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Attachment

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